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PROCEEDINGS OF THE COLUMBIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING.

57th meeting.

January 6, 1902.

The first communication of the evening was from Mr. Glenn Brown on "The Making of a Plan for the City of Washington" and was handsomely illustrated by lantern slides. The second was by Mr. Charles Moore on "L'Enfant and the Improvement of Washington." Dr. James Dudley Morgan added a brief tribute to the genius and ability of the brilliant French engineer. Vice-President Spofford announced that, in response to numerous requests, the Board of Managers had changed the regular meeting night of the Society from the first to the second Monday in the month, the change to take effect in February. Present about 125 members and guests; when the latter had withdrawn the Society listened to the reports of its officers and held its annual election.

58th meeting.

February 10, 1902.

Mr. Francis A. Richardson presented the first communication entitled "Recollections of a Washington Newspaper Correspondent"; Dr. Ainsworth R. Spofford the second; its theme, "Early Literature of the District of Columbia." About 100 members and guests present.

Special meeting.

February 22, 1902.

The Society, having decided in a meeting of its Governing Board that the time was ripe for a social conference at which the members might have an opportunity of becoming acquainted with each other, determined upon a Washington Birthday celebration. This seemed peculiarly appropriate since our first President, Dr. Joseph M. Toner, of gracious memory, had for years observed this custom, inviting the members of this Society, after its organization to meet the

members of the Washington National Monument Association of which he was also an officer. Our own celebration taking the form of a Special Meeting followed by a luncheon, was held in the Banquet Hall of the Shoreham, on Saturday afternoon, from two to four o'clock. The opening address was by President Kasson and was followed by impromptu speeches by Mr. Lewis J. Davis, chairman of the Committee of Arrangements; Miss Elizabeth Bryant Johnston, Vice-President Hagner, who displayed some interesting Washington relics, portraits, etc.; Commissioner Macfarland, Vice-President Spofford, Col. Cutts and Corresponding Secretary Weller. These speeches—historical, patriotic, humorous and reminiscent—were all in the happiest vein. During the luncheon a stringed band contributed appropriate music.

*59th meeting.**March 10, 1902.*

Mr. W. B. Bryan read the communication of the evening entitled "The Beginnings of Government in the District of Columbia." The paper was discussed by Messrs. Tindall, Bundy, Weller and Hagner. In the historical exhibit forming the second part of the programme, Curator James F. Hood exhibited a lithograph in colors of the Capitol and grounds about it, as they appeared in 1848; Dr. J. Dudley Morgan, photograph of Duddington, with relics from the mansion; Mr. Allen C. Clark, a photograph of *The Gadsby*, formerly *The Franklin*, at the intersection of Pennsylvania Avenue, 21st and F Streets, where Chief Justice Marshall and other members of the Supreme Court boarded; also the residence of Chief Justice Fuller, formerly of Tench Ringgold, Esq., 1801 F Street; Mr. John B. Larnier, a photograph of the S. W. corner of 14th and F Streets as it was in November, 1865; and Mr. M. I. Weller, a rare map of the city, dated 1857. Present about 100 members and guests.

*60th meeting.**April 14, 1902.*

Mr. Douglass Zevely's communication entitled "Old Residences and Family History in the City Hall Neighborhood," was discussed by Messrs. Bryan and Hagner, while Mr. Lewis

J. Davis added a few words about the neighborhood of 10th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue. Dr. Tindall spoke briefly of a map in the possession of the District Commissioners, showing the metes and bounds of the land owned by the original proprietors. Mr. Zevely exhibited a photograph of Mr. W. W. Birth and a water-color sketch of his grocery store at the corner of 3d Street and Indiana Avenue. Major Henry B. Looker exhibited papers relating to the municipality of Georgetown, among them the original contract between the Town Council and Thomas Moore for the construction of "the causeway" in 1805; with correspondence between the authorities of Georgetown and those of Alexandria as to the probable advantages and disadvantages of such a work; also the reproduction of a map by Nicholas King showing the original topography of the city in 1797. Present about 65 members and guests.

*61st meeting.**May 12, 1902.*

A resolution relative to the preservations by the Government of the valuable data contained in the "official records of the census of the United States from 1790 to 1890," having been offered by Vice-President Spofford before the Board of Managers and heartily approved of by them, on motion of Dr. Marcus Baker was read to the Society at large. Professor McGee moved its adoption, seconded by Mr. Henry A. Willard, unanimously adopted by the Society. Mr. Charles S. Bradley presented a communication on "The Bradley Family and the Times in Which They Lived." Remarks by Mr. L. J. Davis. Mr. Madison Davis prepared the second paper of the evening which at his request was read by Mrs. Secretary Beall; it was entitled "A History of the City Post-Office." Present about 75 members and guests.

*62d meeting.**November 10, 1902.*

Miss Elizabeth Bryant Johnston contributed "A History of the Seal of the Society," a subject that was discussed by Mr. W. B. Bryan and Vice-President Hagner. The second communication, "The Theatres of Washington from 1835 to

1850'' was by Mr. A. I. Mudd and was discussed by Mrs. Simon Newcomb and Mr. M. I. Weller. Present about 75 members and guests.

63d meeting.

December 8, 1902.

''The White House, its History and its Restoration'' formed the theme of Mr. Charles Moore's communication and it was discussed by Mrs. Simon Newcomb, Miss Johnston and Messrs. Bryan, Weller, Moore, Blount and Hagner. Mr. A. G. Heaton read from an encyclopædia published in London in the seventeenth century, an account of Maryland, Virginia and New Jersey in 1688. Mr. Lewis J. Davis urged upon the members present the advisability of enlarging the membership of the Society that its work might be correspondingly enlarged and read pertinent extracts from the inaugural address of our first President, Dr. Joseph M. Tones. Present about 85 members and guests.

Of the above meetings the first five were held in the Banquet Hall of the Shoreham; the last two, at the Arlington while the first named hotel was closed on account of extensive alterations.

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NOTE: Owing to the illness and absence from the city of Mr. William A. Mearns, Treasurer of the Society, no report was made.